

Phil Van Tassel has a diverse professional background, ranging anywhere from stage-handing, hospitality, and sales, all the way to banking and the steel industry. Phil earned his Bachelor of Business Administration with a Concentration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the University of Arkansas while also working full time and chasing two young children. Phil worked in the rail industry for 8 years, giving him the opportunity to learn about a wide range of industries which the railroad serves; most notably the petroleum products and refining industries, as well as chemical commodities and steel. When Phil parted ways with the railroad, it was to work as the Business Development Officer for First Security Bank. While Phil treasured his time with First Security Bank, he was ultimately lured back to the fascinating world of steel wheels. Phil currently works as the Rail Transportation Manager for Pacific Steel & Recycling, overseeing all rail-related activity and negotiations for Pacific Steel's 46 branches across the Pacific Northwest.

Phil resides in Stevensville with his wife Kim, and two children Harvey (age 5) and Hazel (age 2). When Phil is not working, he enjoys being with family and going on any kind of adventure with his children; lately, they have gotten into jeeping!

Phil was turned into an avid believer in Leadership Missoula during his time in LM 37 and is thankful to be a part of continuing this program into the future as the Chair of LM 40.